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Honorable Joseph M. McDade
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McDade:

This is in response to your letter of January 12, on behalf of one of your constituents, concerning his interest in the present status of the Carbondale Post Office.

The building which houses the Carbondale Post Office is too small to meet our operational needs. Therefore, bids were posted for the construction of new postal-owned facility. A contract has been awarded to the successful bidder and the new facility is expected to be completed by 1984.

You also made reference to the plans for the existing facility. This is also a postal-owned facility which has been determined to be excess to our needs. Such property is disposed of in accordance with established Postal Service procedures. Our Real Estate and Buildings Department requests that the General Services Administration (GSA) screen all Federal agencies and advise if GSA or any other Federal agency is interested in transfer of the property at fair market value.

When neither GSA nor any other Federal agency has a need for the property, it is then offered at the approved appraised value to the state, county, and municipal governments. This is done prior to public advertising. If an acceptable sale cannot be negotiated with one of the foregoing, the property is publicly advertised to the highest bidder. All property, must be disposed of at the fair market value.

Officials at our Eastern Regional Office advise that Federal agencies were screened in accordance with the above procedures; however, no interest was expressed by any of these agencies in obtaining the existing facility. Eastern Regional officials are